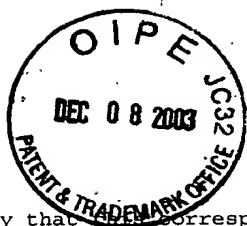


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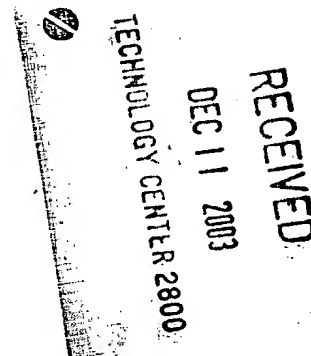
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Responsive to the *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* dated December 1, 2003, applicants herewith resubmit the amendments made to the claims so as to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. A copy of the notice is enclosed herewith.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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